



QUARTERLY REPORT

Project Name: Socioeconomic Reintegration of Vulnerable Rural Malian Households

Country: Mali

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Reporting Period: April- June 2015

OVERVIEW

After 15 months of implementation including a 4 months No Cost Extension period, the project has just ended on June, 30th 2015. During this quarter, the activities went smoothly despite the critical insecurity events that occurred in Timbuktu region which caused the temporarily staff relocation. It concerned mainly:

- Recruitment of an external consultant for the project's ongoing final evaluation;
- Cash transfer to 233 newly returnee women to finance their Income Generating Activities (IGAs);
- Training of Trainers and Livestock's beneficiaries in animal health and good practices in breeding small ruminants;
- Drafting of the IGAs and livestock intermediary reports;
- Monitoring activities (rice off-crop season, market gardening, livestock and IGAs);
- Delivery of 50 motor pumps to 50 gardening perimeters retained to support women in their gardening activities;
- An audiovisual documentation on the best practices and project successes.

In June, a report on the achievements and success of the project was done to produce an audiovisual materials for the civil society, humanitarian actors, authorities and the general public to learn about the different activities and the successes achieved by the beneficiaries. This report aims to:

- Valorize the project implementation approach and methodology;
- Present beneficiaries' testimonials (especially women) about the support received, its uses, and their satisfaction;
- Present the impacts and changes that occurred through the project achieved activities in the areas of food security & agriculture (gardening, rice, livestock) and the economic revival (Income Generating Activities);
- Gather opinions on the project's impact on promoting women's status and social cohesion in families and communities.

SECTOR 1 NAME: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Objective: Provide support to vulnerable households in restarting agricultural production and livestock rearing

Subsector name: Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security

During the market gardening monitoring in the field, it was found that women had huge difficulties in fetching water and irrigating their plots. This leads to poor production, as women are unable to adequately irrigate their plots, and it also limited time spent in caring for children at home and doing household

chores, which may create tensions in the family. Therefore, given the financial possibility, a decision to grant 50 motor pumps to 50 Gardening perimeters was retained. The selection criteria were:

- Existence of a gardening plot (GP) equipped with a receipt and management body (committee of beneficiaries);
- Gardening plot of 100 meters maximum using the river as the main irrigation source;
- Functionality of the management bodies.

Among the 109 market gardening plots having received support in seed and small equipment on December 2014, 19 were selected to be equipped with motor-pumps out of the 50. Since the beginning of the project, 140 market gardening perimeters were supported in the districts of Niafunké and Goundam.

This support in motor-pumps was a great relief for these women and will save time and produce many vegetables for the nutritional needs of their families and for sale.

Subsector name: Livestock

After the beneficiaries received their goats through the fairs last March, a training of trainers in small ruminants breeding (goats) took place from April, 29th 30, 2015 in the conference room of the Municipality of Soboundou in Niafunké. 27 people took part in this training including CARE staff and partner NGOs. The goal of the training was to increase the knowledge and skills of participants in animal health and good husbandry practices. The expected results were the following:

- Know the different breeds of goats and the various common goat diseases;
- Know the different diseases linked to goat breeding;
- Know the treatment of common goat diseases in the area;
- Know the areas suitable for raising goats and their feeding.

After the training of trainers, beneficiaries were trained from May, 22-28, 2015 in all the intervention districts. This enabled them to be better oriented on the best practices in goat breeding and the importance of their health monitoring. The training module was developed by the Service Sector Head of Local Productions and Animal Industries (SLPIA) Niafunké and made available to the agents of NGOs to train the beneficiaries.

SECTOR 2 NAME: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS

Objective: Provide livelihoods restoration support to households affected by the North Mali Crisis

Subsector name: Livelihoods Restoration

233 newly returned women in the communes of Banikane and Soboundou received cash (\$69 USD per person) last April to finance their income generating activities. Each beneficiary has withdrawn his money using a voucher from the local supplier chosen by CARE.



During this quarter, monitoring of funds allocated to the beneficiaries of the IGA funds was undertaken in order to identify the cases of failure or success and the profitability of the invested fund. According to the PDM report, all beneficiaries started their activities, and 96% of the amount allocated to the beneficiaries were used for an IGA. The remaining 4% represents the share for food expenses, health care and other household expenses. Beneficiaries have recorded an average of 19% profitability rate at the end of April, two months of activity.

Source: IGAs Post Distribution Monitoring & Profitability

CHALLENGES FACED

- Country Office (CO) operations were impacted during the reporting period due to the deteriorating security situation specifically in Timbuktu. The CO has relocated all staff from Niafunké to Sévaré (Mopti) due to the likely attacks of the “combatant parties” in the larger parts of northern regions before signing of the preliminary peace and reconciliation agreement on 15 May in Bamako. **The Staff is returned to "Niafunké" on May 18 and continues to work on wrapping up OFDA-funded activities.**
- Difficulty of finding a consultant for the final evaluation of the project:** It is after several attempts that a consultant has been selected from the four (4) candidates in July.
- Given the **security situations**, the municipalities of Dianke and Lere were part of the restrictions at the time of PDM surveys last April.

MONITORING TRACKING TABLE

Award level and sector level beneficiaries reached this quarter:

Indicator	Target	Q1-3	Q4	Q5	Cumulative	% of target met	Comments
Sector Name. Agriculture and Food Security							
Subsector Name Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security							
Indicator 1: Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	4 months	0	5 months		5 months	125%	Post distribution and Evaluation surveys report (February to March 2015).
Indicator 2: Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, by sex	2000 (incl. 1,200 women)	4,213 (incl. 2,710 women)	160 returnees (support for dry season). Incl. 45 women		4,373 {incl 2,755 women(63%)} and 628 returnees	219% of total target met; 230% of women target met.	Overtake of more than 200% planned results is due to the large numbers of beneficiaries retained for gardening activities.
Subsector Name Livestock							
Indicator 1: Number of animals benefiting from or affected by livestock activities	4,000	0	3,518 goats, (incl, 2438 female goats)		3,518 goats, (incl, 2438 female goats)	88% of the total target met. 81% of females targeted met.	Although the targeted voucher amount for each beneficiary was increased by 27%, this has not achieved the 4,000 goats provided by the project.



Indicator 2: Number of people benefiting from livestock activities, by sex	1,000 (incl. 400 women)	0	1,092 incl, 643 women.		1,092 incl, 643 women and 921 returnees.	109% of total target met; 161% of women target met.	
Indicator 3: Number of veterinary interventions (e.g., treatments, vaccinations, etc.)	0	0					Beneficiaries report that the remaining amount after buying goats have covered his treatment costs (screening, vaccination etc.).
Sector Name. Economic Recovery and Market Systems							
Subsector Name. Livelihoods Restoration							
Indicator 1: Number of people assisted through livelihood restoration activities, disaggregated by sex	1,000 incl 750 IDPs and Returnees (750 women)	0	1,252 incl, 837 women and 692 IDPs/Returnees	233 women returnees	1,485 incl, 1070 women and 925 IDPs/Returnees	149% of total target met; 143% of women target met; 123% of IDPs/Returnees target met.	The 233 women newly returned received funding for their income generating activities.
Indicator 2: Percent of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	90%	0		100%			100% of beneficiaries began their IGAs. 96% of start-up funds were used in IGA activities. All beneficiaries have increased their capital (start-Fund) on average by 14%. Source: PDM Report
Indicator 3: Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$98,950	0	\$83,575	\$16,103	\$99,678	101% of total target met.	Other newly returnee's women have been assisted this quarter.

MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER

This is the last quarterly report.

1) Final Evaluation :

- Final Evaluation survey and report;
- Final Executive Reports (Narrative and Finance)

2) Document archiving for auditing A133.

PICTURES





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Emergency Coordinator visits some livestock beneficiaries in Soboundou Commune. JUNE 2015



Visit of off-crop season Village Irrigated Perimeters : IMAGRAN on left and TOUBEL on right. MAY 2015





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Photo on left : The project manager (right), shaking hands with the president of « Etoiles du Nord » gardening perimeter in TONKA. JUNE 2015.

Photo on right : The president of « Etoiles du Nord » gardening perimeter in front of the National Television camera expressing her satisfaction on behalf of the group for the received Motor-pump in Tonka. JUNE 2015.



Riverside, the project team proceeds to the test of the Motor-pumps assigned to the women group of « Femmes Ibrika » gardening perimeter before the Mayor in TONKA, GOUNDAM Circle. JUNE 2015.





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Photo on left : Women groups from « DJIBO » and « MOBA » market gardening perimeters express their joy through dances after the reception of Motor-pumps, in SOUMPI, SOUMPI Commune. JUNE 2015.

Photo on right : An IGAs beneficiary in from of her products. Very happy, she shared her satisfaction on the National Television camera in Gounambougou, BANI KANE Commune. JUNE 2015.

*" We got the goats and the assistance was very helpful. We were in hardness due to the drought and war which lead to the loss of our properties and now we are a bit at ease with the assistance that gives us great hope.
Very happy, we are, with God and with CARE's program. CARE brought us a lot benefaction, we are together. May God extend the program to bring us more happiness."*

SOME BENEFICIARIES TESTIMONIES DURING THE LIVESTOCK TRAINING



Coumba Ali, Village de Koulosongo, Commune de N'GORKOU. Mai 2015



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Aissa (right), from Aouna village, FITTOUGA Commune. May 2015

ANNEX 1:

The work plan is attached to this report. (See attachment)

The summary of PDM reports (Gardening, Livestock, and IGAs)

" I am very happy, that's why I wish for such support to continue. I got four goats and 10.000 Fcfa as treatment cost. Currently food and animal feed is pretty restrictive with the meager financial resources that we have. This training will help us better retain and treat the goats in order to make a better benefit".